

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 221300 TOSEC 260185

63

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY NEA:ADUBS:CF

APPROVED BY P:PCHABIB

NEA - MR ATHERTON

S/S - PSBRIDGES

----- 015445

O 072150Z SEP 76 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 221300 TOSEC 260185

EXDIS -- FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, EG

SUBJECT: HAARETZ ARTICLE ON DINITZ-HABIB MEETING

REF:A)STATE 220724; B) TEL AVIV6124

1. I AM REPEATING TO YOU TEL AVIV 6108 WHICH REPORTS THAT HAARETZ HAS CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT (MARGALIT) GIVING A HIGHLY TENDENTIOUS AND INACCURATE ACCOUNT OF MY MEETING WITH DINITZ AND OUR POSITION ON AMOCO'S DRILLING OPERATIONS.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF DINITZ, WHO IS IN NEW YORK, I CALLED MINISTER BAR-ON TO INDICATE THAT THE APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE IN HAARETZ WAS DISTURBING NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT PUBLICIZED MY DISCUSSION WITH DINITZ BUT DID SO IN A HIGHLY TENDENTIOUS AND INACCURATE WAY. I RECALLED THAT BOTH DINITZ AND I HAD AGREED THAT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THIS MATTER WOULD BEST BE AVOIDED. NOW THAT THE ARTICLE HAD
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 221300 TOSEC 260185

APPEARED, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO RESPOND. I

TOLD BAR-ON THAT OUR PRESS SPOKESMAN TODAY WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MEETING WITH DINITZ DID OCCUR AND NOTE THAT THIS WAS PART OF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND OURSELVES HERE AND IN TEL AVI' TO SEEK A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO AMOCO'S DRILLING PROBLEM. WE WILL NOTE THAT THE QUESTION

OF AN APOLOGY FROM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT NEVER AROSE. I FURTHER INFORMED BAR-ON THAT WE ALSO INTEND TO TAKE THE LINE THAT THIS IS A HIGHLY COMPLICATED LEGAL MATTER AND THAT WE HOPE TO FIND A PRACTICAL SOLUTION WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING OR CONFRONTATION.

3. BAR-ON SAID HE HAD READ THE MEMCON OF DINITZ' TALK WITH ME AND AGREED THAT IT, INDEED, CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION OF AN AMICABLE MEETING. BAR-ON SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM TEL AVIV OF MY CALL AND THAT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY WOULD HAVE ITS SPOKESMAN ALSO CHARACTERIZE MY MEETING WITH DINITZ AS A CONTINUATION OF A DIALOGUE WITH THE ISRAELIS AIMED AT FINDING A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

4. BAR-ON LATER CALLED TO SAY HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TEL AVIV AND THEY HAD TAKEN THIS LINE THERE. ROBINSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOSEC, PRESS COMMENTS, HARASSMENT, MEETINGS, EXPLORATORY DRILLING, OFFSHORE OIL FIELDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE221300
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ADUBS:CF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760338-0402
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760984/aaaaculk.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 76 STATE 220724, 76 TEL AVIV 6124
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HAARETZ ARTICLE ON DINITZ-HABIB MEETING
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, SOPN, US, IS, EG, AMOCO, (DINITZ), (HABIB)
To: SECRETARY AIRCRAFT
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006